

Celebration of Worship

July 2, 2006 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost 8:15 and 9:45 am

Prelude "Agnus Dei" by Frank Martin Organist

***The Call to Worship** Liturgi st

One: All you who would be friends, all you who would be neighbors...

All: Let us all learn from the example of Jesus.

One: The care and concern of Jesus for others...

All: We were founded on the love of God, the God we come here to worship today.

One: Let us join now through love and devotion and in word and song.

All: Let us praise our Lord God, let us worship God in spirit and truth, and let us give to God our joy and our lives.

***The Opening Hymn** "Rejoice in God's Saints" #708

Celebrating Our Community—Welcome! Rev. Gary Kennedy

Welcome! We are glad you are here today with us as we sing God's praises, hear God's word, and find God's, and fill out a prayer card (found in the pew rack) if you have a prayer request you'd like to share. Please join us after worship for a time of fellowship in the Activity Center.

The Greeting Rev. Tina Rees

Baptism (9:45) Matthew Joseph Niederer

Hymn #611 "Child of Blessing, Child of Promise"

Children's Time Rev. Tina Rees

The Call to Prayer Rev. Tina Rees

Prayer of Confession Rev. Tina Rees

One: It is our shame, Lord, that we must confess negligence in the constructive use of the marvelous resources you have given us. We have all owed our gifts and talents to remain dormant. We have squandered hours and days before the inane fare of the television set. We have failed to stimulate our minds with that which is challenging and uplifting. We have overfed and underexercised our bodies until they have become sluggish and soft. We have spent our money for that which is frivolous and unnecessary. We have allowed light to remain hidden under a bushel, and we have—like the man in Jesus' parable—buried our talent in the ground.

A Time of Silence (for personal prayer)

The Lord's Prayer (#895) Rev. Tina Rees

The Old Testament Reading Ezekiel 11:17-21 Liturgist

Special Music "An Evening Prayer" by Charles Gabriel Sally Poeske, Soloist

The Presentation of Tithes and Offerings Liturgist

The Offertory "Elegy" by C.H. Parry Organist

***Doxology #95**

***The Prayer of Dedication** Liturgist

The Hymn of Preparation "He Touched Me" #367

The New Testament 2 Corinthians 8:7-15 Liturgist

Liturgist: This is the word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

The Sermon "A New Day" Rev. Gary Kennedy

Holy Communion

Communion Hymns

"Come, Sinner to the Gospel Feast" #616

"Bread of the World" #624

"I Come with Joy" #617

"Amazing Grace" #378

***The Hymn of Closing** "How Can We Sinners Know?" #372

***The Benediction** Rev. Gary Kennedy

One: As we go forth to leave this holy place, may we be surrounded by God's love like a warm and loving embrace. May we be sustained by the gracious support of God's Holy Spirit and may that spirit flow within us as a gentle breeze. May we be empowered by the example of Christ Jesus so that we may be a light to all— young and old, rich and poor—to all, everyone. Give thanks to God's goodness and love and proclaim your living the gospel of good news.

***The Postlude** "Passacaglia" by Dietrich Buxtehude Organist

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